



FILMING/PHOTOGRAPHY INFORMATION SHEET

Generally, permits are **not** required for:

- Visitors using cameras and/or recording devices for their own personal use.

Note: At Jefferson NEM, wedding photographs of bridal parties do **not** require a permit. A simple Letter of Authorization is issued to the bride or groom.

- News coverage **NEVER** requires a permit, for either filming or still photography, but is subject to time, place, and manner restrictions, if warranted, to maintain order and ensure the safety of the public and the media, and to protect natural and cultural resources.

The following guidelines apply in determining when a permit is required:

1. **All commercial filming requires a permit.** Commercial filming is defined as digital or film recording of a visual image or sound recording by a person, business, or other entity for a market audience, such as for a documentary, television or feature film, advertisement, or similar project. **It does not include news coverage or visitor use.**
2. **Commercial (or non-commercial) still photography activities require a permit ONLY WHEN:**
 - a. the activity takes place at locations(s) where or when members of the public are generally not allowed; or
 - b. the activity uses model(s), set(s), or prop(s) that are not a part of the location's natural or cultural resources; or
 - c. the park would incur additional administrative costs to monitor the activity; or
 - d. the park needs to provide oversight to:
 1. avoid impairment or incompatible use of the resources and values of the park, or
 2. limit resource damage, or
 3. minimize health or safety risks to the visiting public.
3. **Motion Pictures/Video**--Commercial videographers, cinematographers or sound recording crews of up to two people with only minimal equipment (i.e., camera and a tripod) working in areas open to the public are **required to obtain a commercial filming permit and are subject to appropriate terms and conditions and cost recovery charges but are not subject to location fees.**

PERMIT FEES

Application Fee - There is a required **non-refundable** permit application fee of **\$200.00**.

Location Fees - Once a permit has been issued and BEFORE filming in the park, a check in the appropriate amount must be submitted to the National Park Service to cover the location fee.

Motion Pictures/Videos		Commercial Still Photography	
1 – 2 people, camera and tripod only	\$0/day		
1 - 10 people	\$150/day	1 - 10 people	\$50/day
11 - 30 people	\$250/day	11 - 30 people	\$150/day
31 - 49 people	\$500/day	Over 30 people	\$250/day
Over 50 people	\$750/day		

Additional Costs - All costs incurred by the NPS in conjunction with accommodating the permitted activity will be reimbursed by the permittee.

CONTACT INFORMATION

To receive a complete set of Filming/Photography Guidelines and an Application, or for additional information, please contact the Park Permits Office, Monday-Friday, 7:30 am – 4:00 p.m., at 314-655-1613; fax 314-655-1640; e-mail rose_hoots@nps.gov OR visit www.nps.gov/jeff/plan.html and click on Special Use Permits.

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